

**City of Bloomington  
Telecommunications Council  
Business Meeting – October 4, 2011**

**Common Council Chambers  
City Hall at the Showers Building  
401 N. Morton St.**

**I. Members Present:** Eric Ost, Duane Busick, Carl Zager, and Suzann Owen

**II. Public Comment**

**Lennon Beasley** - Produced 18 programs for the month of September. Adam Stillwell is beginning to produce a documentary about Lennon, and all that he has done for CATS.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

Duane moved that the September minutes be approved. Suzann seconded the motion. Eric called for discussion or comments. Several comments made over the length, errors and form of minutes. Another motion was made by Duane that the approval of minutes be tabled until an agreement of presentation can be met. Motion was seconded by Carl. All approved.

**IV. Reports and Announcements**

**1. Telecom Members:**

**Suzann** – FCC is ignoring anything related to video service providers.

**Duane** - In Suzann's report last month, she mentioned the effects of internet services over video services. An extensive front page article was written in the Lafayette Journal Courier about this subject. It discussed price increases with Comcast, and how over the last two years it's been driving people away from cable. Duane mentioned he would get copies for everyone.

**Eric** – Mentioned receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter franchise fee's report. There was also a meeting of the state regulatory committee to discuss the preparation of the report on franchise fees. Eric Mulberg, and Matt Pierce attended. He hopes to get a report from them about what happened for the next meeting.

**2. CATS - Michael White**

- Monthly programming
- Discussion over election coverage also took place.

**3. WTIU – No Report**

**V. Information from or about Video Service Provider – No Report**

Franchise fee's quarterly report was shared. This report comes in six weeks after the end of the quarter. This report reflects Smithville for the first time.

**VI. New Business**

**Carl** – At our meeting last March, it was discussed that our community needed to begin exploring replacement sources of income to take the place of video service provider's revenue. Customers were beginning to look for other alternatives for video services. In May 2011, we discussed the National Weather Service Initiative that could be used to replace the analog interrupt service. We made a motion to ask the city to look into this and send us a report. We've heard nothing. The council referenced this again at the June meeting. In August, a member of the public brought up concerns about the EAS system. We asked again for the city to look into this, and again no report back. Last month, we asked for the CATS funding partners meeting minutes be included in the minutes, and there is no mention of that in the report. It can be understood that the city doesn't want to come across like it is regulating video service providers, but that is not what is being asked. This council needs to hear a response on these issues!

**Suzann** – What is the status of the revised charter?

**Eric** – It could be addressed before the end of the year but not before elections.

**Suzann** – Has anyone applied to fill the vacant position on the council?

**Eric** – One member of the public has communicated with the clerk's office about their interest.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Suzann that the meeting be adjourned.

**Next Regular Meeting**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

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